

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings and versions of claims in this application:

1-130. (cancelled)

131. (Currently Amended) A mass ~~Mass~~-feed member ~~(18)~~ for feeding a meat mass; to a mould cavity in ~~the~~ an outer circumference of ~~the~~ a drum of a moulding device, comprising:

a housing ~~(140)~~ with an inlet side and a drum side which ~~is to face~~ faces the drum, and walls;

a through-passage ~~(142)~~ provided in the housing for the meat mass to pass from an inlet ~~(144)~~ towards an outlet ~~(146)~~ located on the drum side, the drum side being designed to adjust in a sealing manner to irregularities in the outer circumference of the drum ~~(16)~~;

a plate located at the drum side of the housing;

a plurality of radially movable lamellae movably supported between the walls of the housing, extending transversely with respect to the direction of rotation of the drum; and

one or more pressure cushions provided between an inner wall of the housing and the lamellae, wherein the lamellae are arranged between the pressure cushion and said plate, and wherein the plurality of lamellae and the one or more pressure cushions apply a pressure to said plate to flexibly bear against the outer circumference of the drum.

132-133. (Canceled)

134. (Currently Amended) The mass ~~Mass~~-feed member according to claim 131, wherein the drum side of the mass feed member ~~(18)~~, as seen in the circumferential direction of the drum, extends on either side of the outlet ~~(146)~~, over a distance which covers at least one mould cavity ~~(60)~~.

135. (Currently Amended) The mass~~Mass~~ feed member according to claim 131, wherein a cutting device (~~170~~) is provided in the through-passage (~~142~~) on the drum side.

136. (Currently Amended) The mass~~Mass~~ feed member according to claims 131 wherein a diverter passage is provided, which on one side is in communication with the through-passage and on the other side is in communication with an outlet opening at a position, upstream of the outlet of the through-passage, where the next mould cavity to be filled is located.

137. (Currently Amended) The mass~~Mass~~ feed member according to claim 131, wherein the housing is of a virtually semicircular shape, with the through-passage extending in the radial direction.

138. (Currently Amended) The mass~~Mass~~-feed member according to claim 131, wherein the ~~side~~-walls of the housing are provided with openings extending in the radial direction, and wherein the radially movable lamellae are arranged between ~~corresponding the~~ openings in the ~~side~~-walls of the housing.

139. (New) The mass feed member according to claim 131, wherein the walls of the housing comprise side walls, and the plurality of radially movable lamellae are movably supported between the side walls of the housing.